

Remarks/Arguments:

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application and further to the remarks below.

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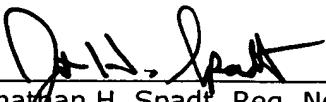
A copy of the Terminal Disclaimer filed in the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 5,855,598 (the patent for which U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/657,041, a reissue application of which this application claims priority to) is included per the Examiner's request in the parent reissue application.

Copy of Assignment

A copy of the assignment from Yasushi Kato and Rysler Alcime referred to in the Consent of Assignee document filed with this reissue application is included with this response **per the Examiner's request in the parent application**. It is further noted that this assignment was recorded with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 25, 2000 at Reel 011085 Frame 0978. This confirms that Corvita Corporation owns the entire right, title, and interest to U.S. Patent No. 5,855,598, including any reissues thereof. It is further noted here that the applicant's Petition for Correction of Inventorship of Patent No. 5,855,598, which was filed along with this Reissue application, is still awaiting grant, despite the fact that it has been over 3 years since the parent application and Petition were filed.

Examination and a subsequent Notice of Allowance as to claims 31-39 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Figures 14-17 (1 sheet)
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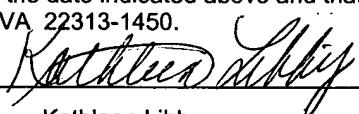
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